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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (new): A base unit for a traffic delineating device, comprising a molded plastic body, having similarly shaped generally parallel upper and lower surfaces, and an integral outer wall connecting said upper and lower surfaces and extending around more than 180 degrees of an outer periphery of said upper and lower surfaces to space said upper and lower surfaces at a distance B from each other, wherein:

said outer wall extends around not all of said periphery, thereby leaving an opening between said upper and lower surfaces to permit insertion of ballast means into said body;

said upper and lower surfaces each have a similarly shaped generally central hole for said traffic delineating device to project upwardly therethrough, said central holes being generally vertically aligned with each other; and

said upper and lower surfaces each have at least one non-round portion extending to said periphery.

Claim 16 (new): A base unit as in claim 15, wherein at least one of said upper and lower surfaces has a flange adjacent said central hole, extending partially towards the other of said surfaces, leaving a channel of distance A, where A is less than B, whereby installed ballast having a vertical dimension greater than A will be blocked by said flange(s) against removal, said unit however being sufficiently flexible to permit said ballast to be installed by flexing so that said channel can approximate distance B.

Claim 17 (new): A base unit as in claim 15, wherein said upper and lower surfaces are generally circular except at said non-round portion.

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Claim 18 (new): A base unit as in claim 16, wherein said upper and lower surfaces are generally circular except at said non-round portion.

Claim 19 (new): A base unit as in claim 15, wherein said upper and lower surfaces each have a similarly shaped grip hole near said periphery, said holes being generally vertically aligned with each other.

Claim 20 (new): A base unit as in claim 16, wherein said upper and lower surfaces each have a similarly shaped grip hole near said periphery, said holes being generally vertically aligned with each other.

Claim 21 (new): A base unit as in claim 17, wherein said upper and lower surfaces each have a similarly shaped grip hole near said periphery, said holes being generally vertically aligned with each other.

Claim 22 (new): A base unit as in claim 18, wherein said upper and lower surfaces each have a similarly shaped grip hole near said periphery, said holes being generally vertically aligned with each other.

Claim 23 (new): A base unit as in claim 15, in combination with said ballast means, wherein said ballast means has a vertical dimension greater than A and not greater than B.

Claim 24 (new): A base unit and ballast means combination as in claim 23, wherein said ballast means has an overall width greater than the width of said opening between said upper and lower surfaces to permit insertion of said ballast means into said body, said ballast means being sufficiently flexible to permit insertion nevertheless.

Claim 25 (new): A base unit and ballast means combination as in claim 23, wherein said ballast means comprises vehicle tire treads secured together in an annulus shape.

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Claim 26 (new): A base unit and ballast means combination as in claim 24, wherein said ballast means comprises vehicle tire treads secured together in an annulus shape.

Claim 27 (new): A base unit as in claim 15, in combination with said traffic delineating device, said traffic delineating device having a flat base shaped similarly but slightly larger than said central holes, and a delineating portion extending upwardly through said central holes from said flat base.